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This Digest is used to transmit information pertaining to the four program components of the Missouri Comprehensive Guidance Program: Curriculum; Individual Planning; Responsive Services; and System Support to professional school counselors, placement personnel, career and technical school counselors and administrators at all levels throughout the state.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

As noted in a Special Transmission sent out prior to the holidays, forms needed to apply for the Norman C. Gysbers Award are now available. To access the forms, please go to <http://schoolweb.missouri.edu/msca/Gysbers%20Award.htm> . The forms will also be posted in the near future on the Guidance e-Learning Center webpage at the Missouri Center for Career Education.

The award, first announced at the MSCA fall conference in November, 2007, is intended to recognize school buildings or school districts in the State of Missouri that have demonstrated an exemplary level of implementation of the Missouri Comprehensive Guidance Program that, in turn, has resulted in demonstrable positive impact on students.

The content for the GYSBERS AWARD structure is based upon Missouri School Improvement Program (MSIP) Guidance Standards, the Internal Improvement Review (IIR) document and the Missouri Comprehensive Guidance Program. **Deadline for submission of materials to be considered for the award is June 16, 2008.**

Those selected as winners will receive their awards during the November, 2008 Missouri School Counselor Association Fall Conference.

PLEASE PASS TO DISTRICT AND/OR HIGH SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS:

The National Career Academy Coalition is offering a workshop on National Standards of Practice on Feb 6 and 7, 2008 in Houston TX. It is designed for those wanting to start a career academy or interested in supporting an existing academy at a higher level. The National Standards of Practice were introduced to provide national consistency and quality to career academies. To see information about lodging and registration for the workshop, please go to

http://www.ncacinc.org/ncacinc/lib/ncacinc/pdf/NCAC_Houston.pdf

GRANT OPPORTUNITY:

Grants to Reduce Alcohol Abuse (Federal Register: January 3, 2008 [CFDA# 84.184A])

Purpose of Program: This program provides grants to local educational agencies (LEAs) to develop and implement innovative and effective programs to reduce alcohol abuse in secondary schools.

Applications Available: January 3, 2008. Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: February 19, 2008.

Eligible Applicants: (a) LEAs, including charter schools that are considered LEAs under State law. (b) The Secretary limits eligibility under this discretionary grant competition to LEAs that do not currently have an active grant under the Grants to Reduce Alcohol Abuse program. For the purpose of this eligibility requirement, a grant is considered active until the end of the grant's project or funding period, including any extensions of those periods that extend the grantee's authority to obligate funds.

Additional Information: Applicable regulations, priorities, and other information are available in the Federal Register notice. Additional information is available online at:

<http://www.ed.gov/legislation/FedRegister/announcements/2008-1/010308a.html>

PROGRAM COMPONENTS:

(From time to time, resources that are brought to our attention through ASCA listservs or other means that could be used as part of a guidance program will be listed here. The readers are encouraged to investigate the resources and decide whether or not they are appropriate for their programs. Listing of these resources does not constitute endorsement by either our section or DESE.)

{CURRICULUM} SOME MATERIALS AVAILABLE FOR LOAN FROM MISSOURI CENTER FOR

CAREER EDUCATION (MCCE) LIBRARY: The Internet and You: Staying Safe *Sunburst Media* DVD ROM

— this program talks about Instant Messaging, blogs, e-mail, chat rooms, and social networks. Makes teens aware of potential online dangers such as: predators, "phishing," identity theft, and cyberbullying. Designed to help students: be aware of internet privacy and security issues; practice commonsense rules for staying safe online; take control of their internet experience and make it a positive one. Grades 5 to 9. 15 minutes. [14205 — G&P DVD ROM 50] HAWTHORNE, NY, SCHOOL SPECIALTY, INC., 2007. **This is also available on video - G&P VIDEO 75**

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Career Clusters: Awareness Activities for K-6: Instructor's Guide

Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education Curriculum and Instructional Materials Center-BOOK — Contains activities to introduce students to the concept of career clusters and to the careers within those clusters. These activities were developed by classroom teachers, guidance counselors, and career counselors [14132 — C&E 11.0000 O441] STILLWATER, OK, OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS CENTER, 2003.

Career Clusters: Project-Based Learning Activities for Grades 9-12

Curriculum and Instructional Materials Center

BOOK — Sixteen stand-alone project-based activities. It includes teaching instructions and suggested resources, including relevant web sites. [14134 — C&E 11.0000 O441.1] STILLWATER, OK, CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS CENTER, 2006. If interested, or to see other offerings, go to

<http://resources.mcce.org/index.php?subj=Guidance+%26+Placement>

{INDIVIDUAL PLANNING}

DNR SPONSORED FIELD TRIPS STILL AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS INTERESTED IN ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES. Please forward this to the appropriate science teachers and principals.

Jim Lubbers at the Department of Natural Resources started a project last fall to provide expenses-paid field trips for students enrolled in environmental sciences/studies (ESS) classes, coupled with a Career Awareness emphasis to meet three broad objectives:

- increasing awareness of environmental issues,
- generating interest in environmental careers,
- and improving students' understanding of the role of the DNR in protecting Missouri's Natural Resources.

To date, he has completed seven field trips, has three more planned and room for several more. If you are interested in scheduling one or wish more information, please go to <http://www.dnr.mo.gov/services/fieldtrips.htm>

MORE INFORMATION ON COLLEGE GOAL SUNDAY

Every year the U.S. Department of Education makes more than \$67 billion in postsecondary financial aid available to students throughout the nation. **College Goal Sunday** makes applying for financial aid easier by providing students with free help filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), the first step in applying for federal aid.

Knowledgeable financial aid advisors will be on hand at 30 **College Goal Sunday** locations across the state on February 10, 2008 from 2-4 p.m. to assist students and parents with the process. Sponsored in part by the Missouri Department of Higher Education (MDHE), one student at each location statewide will receive a \$500 scholarship to the college or trade school of their choice (provided they are a first semester freshman in the fall of 2008).

Locations include: Cape Girardeau, Columbia, Hayti, Hillsboro, Jefferson City, Kansas City, Kirksville, Liberty, Maryville, Moberly, Rolla, St. Joseph, St. Louis, Sikeston, Springfield, Union, and Wildwood. For addresses please visit the [College Goal Sunday](http://CollegeGoalSunday.com) website.

{RESPONSIVE SERVICES}

REGIONAL RESOURCE CENTERS AVAILABLE TO HELP WITH TRAINING

DMH recently began the final year of a three-year federal Youth Suicide Prevention grant, which helps to fund the seven Regional Suicide Prevention Resource Centers. Staff and instructors at the centers are available to provide free presentations or gatekeeper training to local organizations. If you are planning future training events for your organization or workplace, please consider adding suicide prevention as a topic. Training sessions can be conducted in as little as one hour. To take advantage of this opportunity to schedule a training session, please contact the Resource Center in your area. Contact information is available at: www.dmh.mo.gov/cps/issues/suicide/ResourceCenters.htm

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NEW CYBERBULLYING PREVENTION CAMPAIGN MATERIALS AVAILABLE

"If you wouldn't say it in person, why say it online? Delete cyberbullying. Don't write it. Don't forward it." This is the message of the National Crime Prevention Council's ad campaign to prevent cyberbullying. Audio/visual messages show teens publicly insulting peers in ways that would seem absurd in person, such as at a school assembly, or in the kitchen with friends. See a current campaign clip at <http://www.ncpc.org/newsroom/current-campaigns/cyberbullying/>.

While most bullying prevention is school based, community groups, state and local public health, and law enforcement among others can use the PSAs, banners, and awareness-raising materials to mount their own campaigns, reinforce school-based prevention, and complement HRSA's Stop Bullying Now! Campaign. The complete supplement to the Journal of Adolescent Health, as well as links to the HRSA program, Stop Bullying Now!, and a CDC pod cast on electronic aggression can be found at http://www.cdc.gov/ncipc/dvp/electronic_aggression.htm.

{SYSTEM SUPPORT}

HOW FULLY IMPLEMENTED IS THE COMPREHENSIVE GUIDANCE PROGRAM IN YOUR BUILDING/DISTRICT?

The Internal Improvement Review (IIR) is designed to help determine the degree of implementation of the Missouri Comprehensive Guidance Program in a building or district and is now available on the Web. To see it and/or to download a copy, please go to <http://missouricareeducation.org/curr/cmd/guidanceplacementG/iir.html>. Remember that use of the IIR by a building or district is **voluntary**; there is no reporting requirement to the state concerning results.

CONFERENCES/ WORKSHOPS OF NOTE:

A. PATHWAYS CONFERENCE FOR those working with students in crisis or at-risk will be held **Mar 2-4, 2008** at Tan Tar A. To see a flyer about the conference, go to <http://dese.mo.gov/divteachqual/leadership/documents/Pathwaysflyer.pdf>

B. MSCA SPRING CONFERENCE will be held on **March 7, 2008**, at the Capital Plaza, Jefferson City, MO. Dr. Carolyn Stone, ASCA Past- President and ASCA Ethics Chair, will speak on LEGAL AND ETHICAL ISSUES FOR SCHOOL COUNSELORS. To see information about this conference and download a registration form, go to <http://schoolweb.missouri.edu/msca/2008%20SPRING%20CONFERENCE%20Flyer.doc>

C. 2008 MISSOURI ACT STATE ORGANIZATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE will be held on **March 12-13, 2008** at the **Holiday Inn Select in Columbia, Mo.** For information about the conference and registration, go to www.act.org/events

D. THE 32ND ANNUAL MISSOURI MIDDLE SCHOOL ASSOCIATION (MMSA) CONFERENCE will be held on **March 14-16, 2008** at **Tan-Tar-A Resort**. For information, go to <http://www.mmsa-mo.org/conference.html>

E. WORKSHOPS ON TEEN SUICIDE PREVENTION SCHEDULED IN APRIL

These workshops, offered through the Missouri Institute of Mental Health (MIMH), will focus on signs, symptoms and the treatment of depression in youth, reducing stigma and how to ACT (acknowledge, care and tell). **Rebecca Musgrave, MA**, the Program Director for Dexter Community Regional Healthcare Foundation – Suicide Prevention Resource Center will present this half-day workshop. Dates and locations are:

April 3, 2008, Kansas City, MO - Embassy Suites Hotel

April 4, 2008, Hannibal, MO - Quality Inn & Suites April 8, 2008, Cape Girardeau, MO - Drury Lodge

Registration Fee: \$99.00 To register online, go to

<http://www.mimhtraining.com/liveconferences/2007/10/10/teen-suicide-prevention-act-now-2/>

F. SAVE THE DATE!! **The Third Annual University of Central Missouri/DESE Counselor Institute** will be held at the University of Central Missouri's Central Summit Center in Lee's Summit, Missouri, on **Friday, June 20 and Saturday, June 21, 2008 from 8:00-4:00**. More information will be sent out as it becomes available.